

Listing of the Claims

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of decreasing IFN- γ blood levels ~~preventing an increase in the blood level of IFN- γ in a subject at risk of~~ with an elevated IFN- γ blood level due to ~~(i) administration of a therapeutic agent~~ for treating multiple sclerosis ~~or (ii) a disease condition,~~ comprising

orally administering an interferon-tau (IFN τ) having greater than about 80% homology to ovine interferon-tau ~~to the subject~~ at a dosage of ~~greater than~~ 5×10^8 between 6×10^8 – 5×10^{12} Units to decrease the subject's IFN- γ blood level relative to the IFN- γ blood level in the absence of IFN τ administration.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said IFN τ has a sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said orally administering is to a subject ~~has~~ having an elevated IFN- γ level due to administration of the therapeutic agent interferon-beta ~~an autoimmune condition, and said orally administering continues during the period of the subject's symptoms.~~

5-11. (Canceled)